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1. Within the last month large numbers of Soviet troops have been coming into Plovdiv where they are now quartered. The majority of these new arrivals are artillery units, but a small percentage is infantry. Prior to this time, a large proportion of all Russian forces there have been aviation units.

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2. A hat manufacturer in Plovdiv has seen many Russian officers of these units who have come in to order new caps. He has noted that their present caps are of foreign make, although he could not tell of what country. Hence his opinion is that these troops have not been long in Bulgarian territory.

3. Many new Russian civilian families have moved into Plovdiv lately. The heads of these families are mainly under thirty years of age.

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